

## Message Text

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MADRID FOR ATHERTON IN SECRETARYS PARTY

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TAGS: PFOR, IZ, US

SUBJECT: IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 106070, (B) STATE 106058

1. REFTEL (A) DECODED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 10. SAME EVENING I SAW CHIEF OF PROTOCOL USAMA KHALIL AT NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AND MADE APPOINTMENT TO CALL ON HIM AT HIS OFFICE AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 11.

2. IN MEETING WITH KHALIL ON MAY 11, I MENTIONED THAT ONE OF AMERICAN MEDICAL TEAM RECENTLY IN BAGHDAD HAD HAD MEETING WITH FONMIN MINISTER OF STATE HAMED ALWAN AL-JABOURI AT INSTRUCTIONS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN (BAGHDAD 742). I SAID THAT I NOW HAD AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO DELIVER TO HAMED ALWAN AS FOLLOWING TO THAT MEETING. I ALSO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT MESSAGE BE DELIVERED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. KHALIL RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY GO TO HAMED ALWANS OFFICE TO ASK FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND LET ME KNOW THE RESULTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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3. KHALIL CALLED ME WITHIN THE HOUR AND SAID MEETING HAD BEEN SET UP FOR 1200 ON SAME DAY.

4. I MET WITH ALWAN AT 1200 AND READ MESSAGE TO HIM AT DICTATION SPEED SO FONMIN NOTE TAKER WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING COULD RECORD IT WORD FOR WORD. IN LIGHT OF DEPTTEL

106202, I CHANGED TEXT OF THIRD POINT TO READ QUOTE A MESSAGE  
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO DELIVER TO THE GOI UNQUOTE.

5. ALWAN WAS NON-COMMITAL BUT SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT IT  
WAS DELIVERED TO THE APPROPRIATE HIGHER AUTHORITIES AS QUICKLY  
AS POSSIBLE. I POINTED OUT THAT TIME WAS SHORT AND HE AGAIN  
PROMISED TO ACT QUICKLY AND INFORM ME OF GOI REPLY AS SOON  
AS HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY.

6. COMMENT: ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING WAS FRIENDLY BUT ISSUES  
INVOLVED WERE OBVIOUSLY TOO SERIOUS FOR ALWAN TO ADDRESS  
WITHOUT HIGHER LEVEL GUIDANCE. AS MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALWAN IS SECOND RANKING MAN IN FOREIGN  
MINISTRY. AS FORMER SECRETARY IN SADDAM HUSSEINS OFFICE  
HE IS PERSONALLY CLOSE TO SADDAM AND TO THE SENIOR  
BAATHI BAATHI HIERARCHY. BELIEVE HE IS IDEAL CHANNEL TO  
CONVEY REQUEST FOR HABIB MEETING TO SADDAM. HE MAY EVEN  
BYPASS FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI, WHO, IN ANY CASE FOR  
REASONS OF PERSONAL SECURITY, WOULD PROBABLY PREFER  
NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE UNIFORM.  
SIERRA.-IRAQ RELATIONS.

7. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL KHALIL IS BEING UNUSUALLY RESPONSIVE TO  
OUR REQUESTS AS RESULT OF BROWNIE POINTS WE BUILT UP WITH  
HIM BY OUR PROMPT REACTION TO GOIS REQUEST FOR MEDICALS  
ASSISTANCE. HE HAD APPARENTLY GONE ON LIMB BY REQUESTING  
U.S. DOCTORS AGAINST OPPOSITION FROM OTHERS WITHIN FOREIGN  
MINISTRY. OUR IMPRESSIVE RESPONSE IMPROVED KHALILS  
STANDING WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN AND KHALIL IS NOW BEING PARTI-  
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